

Doing The Basics

After our first viewing of the movie “Fireproof” it was interesting to hear people’s responses. Those who were in the early parts of marriages said the movie made them focus on doing the basics so that they wouldn’t head toward disaster. Those in the midst of conflict said that the movie reminded them that they weren’t doing the basics to avoid the struggles that eventually come to all marriages. And those that have been married a while said that the movie seemed to focus on basic things. Those that had been married a while and wanted their marriages to grow responded by saying you can never get away from the basics, it is time to reinvest by doing the things we did at the beginning. Those who had been married a while and whose marriages were stuck or even growing cold responded by saying that they had heard this stuff before and that they didn’t think they would learn much from participating. Four different groups with four different responses.

It is true that some things are a matter of growth. You can’t keep sucking on milk when you need meat! However, there is also another truth. You can never get away from doing the basics. This is true about marriage, this is true about parenting and this is true about being a disciple of Jesus. Our lives become unraveled and our hearts become hard and our marriage oftentimes grows stale because we quit doing the basics.

When the church at Ephesus was challenged by the Lord in the book of Revelation (Rev. 2:1-7) for working hard and doing the right things it was apparent that they had lost their “first love”. Going through all the right actions with no heart! (This can happen in a marriage as well as a relationship with God!) The Lord’s challenge was to (1.) Remember the height from which you have fallen (take the time to remember what it used to be like). (2) Repent. It is a matter of changed heart AND changed actions. A decision to change! (3) Do the things you did at first.

What were the things you did in your early walk with God that brought such joy? What was the motive for doing those things? Jesus charges the church to go back to the basics. Start doing them. That will be how you recover your heart! That will be how you recover your first love!

Love may be a basic concept but it is deep and profound. It is one thing to study about love and know it’s different Greek meanings but it is a completely different world when you start doing it! Let’s grow but let’s make sure we are doing the basics! -KW



“Too Busy Not to Pray” Book for the Midweek service Women’s Class can be purchased in our bookstore for \$8.50 or from your any other vendor.

TODAY’S MEETING:

12:30 Bible Talk Leaders Meeting,
Ed Bldg Room 201
Next BTL Meeting, 2/21/10
Statewide BTL Meeting, 2/28/10

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Robbie Albers- evaluative tests for breathing
Chris Worley’s mother-Diane Alumbaugh,
emergency surgery

Janet Elker- recovery from major surgery
Melanie Gantzer’s mother- health and faith



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO JOSH AND AMY BARR FOR
THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR NEW
BABY GIRL, EMILY CELESTE!**

CONTRIBUTION 1/31/10

Budget	\$7150.00
Contribution	\$7722.64
Dr. in Bogotá	\$95.00
Special Missions	\$120.00
Music/Media	\$75.00
Local Benevolence	\$272.25

Along with our regular contribution we will be taking up a contribution on the first Sunday of each month for our Music/Media Ministry. On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays we will collect money to support the Dr. that serves the poor at the Hope Clinic in Bogotá. The month that we have a fifth Sunday we will take a collection that goes towards local benevolence.
Sean Finch

Louisville Church of Christ Purpose Statement
The purpose of the Louisville Church of Christ is to bring people to Jesus and membership in his family—by connecting them with a vibrant, spirit-led church family that reflects the diversity of our metro Louisville community—to help them grow in Christ-like maturity and to become equipped for their personal ministries in the church and their life’s missions in the world—in order to glorify God and advance the cause of Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midweek Service
Wednesday, 2/10/10
7:00 pm

Worship
Sunday, 2/14/10
10:00 am

ACR Campus Retreat
And
HS Teen Retreat
2/26th-28th/10

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